

CITY OF MCKEESPORT

REGULAR MEETING

WEDNESDAY

7:00 P.M.

APRIL 1, 2020

The regular meeting of Council was called to order on the above-stated date at the above-stated time after the Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence by President of Council Richard Dellapenna.

The following Members of Council were present:

RC-1 PRESENT: JIM BARRY, JAMIE BREWSTER-FILOTEI, TIMOTHY BROWN, RICHARD DELLAPENNA, BRIAN EVANS, LUETHEL NESBIT, KEITH SOLES

ABSENT: NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Mrs. Nesbit moved, seconded by Mr. Evans, "to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 4, 2020."

RC-2 YEAS: BARRY, BREWSTER-FILOTEI, BROWN, DELLAPENNA, EVANS, NESBIT, SOLES (7)

NAYS: NONE (0)

COMMUNICATIONS:

Ms. Vertullo reported that the City received the Fire Report and Police Report and everybody should have one.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

President Dellapenna asked for the Mayor's Report.

Mayor Cherepko said I will be very brief tonight. Actually, I just am submitting into the Minutes a Report in regard to everything that we are dealing with now.



With the novel COVID-19 coronavirus making an impact not only on our operations here at the City of McKeesport, but in the daily lives of each and every one of our residents, it is important that we remind ourselves what makes the McKeesport community strong.

As we continue to observe social distancing, hygiene, and safety recommendations from national and state officials, it is important that we keep open our lines of communication with our neighbors, local businesses, and local leaders. Check in on folks who may need assistance with food or other services during these uncertain times, and be on the lookout for new information via regional news outlets and the "City of McKeesport – Mayor's Office" Facebook page for local updates to changes in our services as well as surveys that help the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania determine what resources may be needed in our community.

While it may not yet feel like the same season we enjoy every year, springtime officially is upon us. We are doing our best under the current guidelines to make sure our staff is ready to provide the City of McKeesport with the fresh start that comes with the first signs of spring each year. Public works crews are out in the community making seasonal improvements, and our police and firefighters continue to work around the clock. At city hall, we are structuring staff and resources to accommodate the people of McKeesport by phone and through a service window between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Monday through Friday. Rest assured, we are here for you, just as we always have been.

With the weather getting warmer, it's human nature to want to be outdoors to socialize with friends and extended family, but we can't let that urge override our sensibilities. Everything we do – and don't do, in this case – has an impact. Let's be sure that the impact we make is positive as our nation attempts to overcome COVID-19. I know many of our residents look forward to seasonal events, including the Easter Egg Hunt and Spring Around Story Time events at the Jacob Woll (Main) Pavilion in Renziehausen Park. Unfortunately, these events had to be canceled in order to adhere to social distancing guidelines. You will find a full lineup of seasonal activities planned for the rest of the year as those guidelines continue to evolve. We hope to welcome back our children's events, ceremonies, summer concerts, and celebrations such as International Village when summer hits. With that being said, keep in mind that the next few months are unpredictable in how we will be asked to respond to COVID-19 in terms of restrictions on how and where we may gather. Please be patient as our events schedule is subject to change, and know that we can't wait to get together for each of our seasonal gatherings once regional restrictions are lifted. Until that time, my administration has chosen to close all of the social halls and picnic shelters until the restrictions are lifted.

At this point, there is no plan to close Renzie Park or our neighborhood playgrounds. The parks are open to the public, especially since exercise is encouraged at this overwhelmingly sedentary time in our lives. While the parks are open, we encourage parkgoers to maintain the recommended six-foot distance while walking our trails or using other facilities. As we have seen in neighboring communities, including the City of Pittsburgh, first-responders and other staff will patrol parks more closely to provide reminders of proper social distancing. We will continue to remind people of best practices and temporary equipment closures. Our basketball courts, for example, have been taken down to a half-court setup to discourage large games and gatherings. We aren't turning families and small groups away from the court, but we would ask visitors to use their discretion and to come back at another time if the court is occupied.

As always, I am thankful for those who make the City of McKeesport the community we know and love, and because of that, there is no place in the world where I'd rather be when facing a challenge such as this. I invite all of you to join me in "Working Together for a Better McKeesport," but today that means doing our part to guarantee a safer McKeesport. Practice social distancing and take care of your loved ones, because the more stringently we adhere to the recommendations from state and national officials, the sooner we will get to enjoy our community for all it has to offer. Please remember that we are here for you, and we are just a phone call away.

So, that concludes my report Mr. President.

President Dellapenna said thank you Mayor.

CITIZENS IN THE AUDIENCE: President Dellapenna asked if anybody signed up and Ms. Vertullo said there are no Citizens in the Audience.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-016 – BILL #21 (INTRODUCED BY MR. BARRY) – A Resolution Approving a Conditional Use Request from Lea Morgan to Operate an Automobile Rental (LIMO) Service at 1828 Fifth Avenue, McKeesport, PA. The Property Exists in a C-3 Zoning District.

MOTION: Mr. Barry moved, seconded by Mr. Brown “to table Bill #21.”

RC-3 **YEAS:** BARRY, BREWSTER-FILOTEI, BROWN, DELLAPENNA, EVANS, NESBIT, SOLES (7)

NAYS: NONE (0)

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-017 – BILL #22 (INTRODUCED BY MR. EVANS) – A Resolution Proclaiming the Month of April 2020 as “Fair Housing Month” in the City of McKeesport.

MOTION: Mr. Brown moved, seconded by Mr. Barry “to approve Bill #22.”

RC-4 **YEAS:** BARRY, BREWSTER-FILOTEI, BROWN, DELLAPENNA, EVANS, NESBIT, SOLES (7)

NAYS: NONE (0)

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-018 – BILL #23 (INTRODUCED BY MR. EVANS) – A Resolution Awarding the Bid for the McKeesport Rising Paving Project – Phase II to El Grande Industries, Inc. and Authorizing the Proper City Officials to Execute All Documents Necessary to Enter

Into an Agreement with El Grande Industries, Inc. for an Amount Not to Exceed \$723,428.50.

MOTION: Mr. Barry moved, seconded by Mrs. Nesbit “to approve Bill #23.”

RC-5 YEAS: BARRY, BREWSTER-FILOTEI, BROWN, DELLAPENNA, EVANS, NESBIT, SOLES (7)

NAYS: NONE (0)

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-019 – BILL #24 (INTRODUCED BY MR. EVANS) – A Resolution of the City of McKeesport, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, Authorizing the Proper City Officials to Enter into an Agreement with Four Seasons Construction Group, Inc. for the McKeesport Regional History and Heritage Center for an Amount Not to Exceed \$32,475.00.

MOTION: Mr. Brown moved, seconded by Mr. Barry “to approve Bill #24.”

RC-6 YEAS: BARRY, BREWSTER-FILOTEI, BROWN, DELLAPENNA, EVANS, NESBIT, SOLES (7)

NAYS: NONE (0)

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-020 – BILL #25 (INTRODUCED BY MR. BROWN) – A Resolution of the City of McKeesport, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, Authorizing the Proper City Officials to enter Into an Agreement with El Grande Industries, Inc. for the Restoration of the Renziehausen Park Walking Trail for an Amount Not to Exceed \$188,675.00.

MOTION: Mr. Evans moved, seconded by Mr. Barry “to approve Bill #25.”

RC-7 YEAS: BARRY, BREWSTER-FILOTEI, BROWN, DELLAPENNA, EVANS, NESBIT, SOLES (7)

NAYS: NONE (0)

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-021 – BILL #26 (INTRODUCED BY MR. BARRY) – A Resolution of the City of McKeesport, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, Authorizing the Selection of ABM Building Solutions, LLC for the Implementation of a Design Build Project with Alternate Funding Sources Through Far 552.238-79 Use of Federal Supply Schedule Contracts by Non-Federal Entities (July 2016).

MOTION: Mr. Brown moved, seconded by Mrs. Nesbit “to approve Bill #26.”

RC-8 YEAS: BARRY, BREWSTER-FILOTEI, BROWN, DELLAPENNA, EVANS, NESBIT, SOLES (7)

NAYS: NONE (0)

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-022 – BILL #27 (INTRODUCED BY MR. BARRY) – A Resolution of the City of McKeesport, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, Adopting the Transportation Impact Study (TIS) for the Proposed Get Go Development Attached Hereto and Approving the Conclusions Therein.

MOTION: Mr. Brown moved, seconded by Mr. Evans “to approve Bill #27.”

RC-9 YEAS: BARRY, BREWSTER-FILOTEI, BROWN, DELLAPENNA, EVANS, NESBIT, SOLES (7)

NAYS: NONE (0)

RESOLUTION NO. 20-006 – BILL #28 (INTRODUCED BY MR. BROWN)
– An Ordinance of the City of McKeesport, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, Amending and Supplementing an Ordinance of the City of McKeesport Previously Effective and Amended by Ordinance from Time-to-Time, Relative to the Establishment and Maintenance of the Retirement System for Officers and Employees of the City of McKeesport Pension Plan, Insurance and Benefit Fund or Funds, to Amend Certain Provisions of the Pension Plan or Program Applicable to the Officers and Employees of said City.

MOTION: Mr. Evans moved, seconded by Mr. Barry “to approve Bill #28.”

RC-10 YEAS: BARRY, BREWSTER-FILOTEI, BROWN,
DELLAPENNA, EVANS, NESBIT, SOLES (7)

NAYS: NONE (0)

MOTION: Mr. Barry moved, seconded by Mrs. Brewster-Filotei “to amend the Agenda to Add Bill 29” as requested by President Dellapenna.

RC-11 YEAS: BARRY, BREWSTER-FILOTEI, BROWN,
DELLAPENNA, EVANS, NESBIT, SOLES (7)

NAYS: NONE (0)

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-023 – BILL #29 (INTRODUCED BY MR. EVANS) – A Resolution of the City of McKeesport, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, Awarding the Bid for the McKeesport Rising Paving Project Contract B – Phase II to El Grande Industries, Inc., and Authorizing the Proper City Officials to Execute All Documents Necessary to Enter Into an Agreement with El Grande Industries, Inc. for an Amount Not to Exceed \$51,986.00

MOTION: Mr. Brown moved, seconded by Mr. Barry “to approve Bill #29.”

RC-12 YEAS: BARRY, BREWSTER-FILOTEI, BROWN,
DELLAPENNA, EVANS, NESBIT, SOLES (7)

NAYS: NONE (0)

ADJOURNMENT:

President Dellapenna said, before we adjourn...

Solicitor Elash then said I'd like to make sure that we make the Mayor's Statement an official part of the Minutes of the Council meeting.

President Dellapenna ok and then said before we adjourn, Mr. Barry has something he would like to add.

Mr. Barry said Mike, I just want to say what a good job the police are doing on the business checks. They've been fantastic. We get notices on the door what time they were there; what day they were there; and it's very thorough and it's very regular and I just want to tell you it's appreciated.

Mayor Cherepko said thank you I will pass that along.

President Dellapenna said that concludes the meeting. Thank you all for phoning in and everyone stay healthy. That concludes the meeting.

The meeting then adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Annette James
City Clerk and Clerk of Council

APPROVED:

Richard Dellapenna
President of Council

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